

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the second and Final Official Action dated December 29, 2005. Allowance of the application as now amended is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103 citing U.S. Patent 1,304,394 to Shyer in view of U.S. Patent 4,395,065 to Nelson, et al. Claim 7 was objected to as depending from an unallowed claim but would be found allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 8-19 were allowed.

By the present amendment, claims 1-7 are being cancelled, leaving only the allowed claims in the application.

Cancellation of claim 1 also obviates the need to amend the drawings in the manner set out in the Office Action in that the "longitudinal axis of the yoke base is no longer recited as a claim element".

It is submitted that the present amendment places all of the claims remaining in the application in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment filed in response to the Official Action of December 29, 2005, in application Serial No. 10/823,137, filed on April 13, 2004, of Craig D. Quarberg entitled "Door Security Brace" is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, postage prepaid, on January 16, 2006.

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